



## WAIANAE COAST NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 24

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### **DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2015**

### **WAIANAE DISTRICT PARK – MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Vice Chair Kawika Nahoopii called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. **A quorum was established with five (5) Board members present.** Note-This nine (9) member Board requires five (5) members to establish a quorum and to take official Board action.

**Board Members Present:** Julie-Ann Cachola (arrived at 8:00 p.m.), Calvin Endo, Cedric Gates, Glen Kila, Ken Koike, Kawika Nahoopii, and Sharlette Poe (appointed at the meeting).

**Board Members Absent:** Marcus Paaluhi, Sr. and Kellen Smith.

**Vacancies:** There was one (1) At Large vacancy.

**Guests:** Lieutenant Randall Arakaki and Derek Nuuhiwa (Honolulu Police Department); Captain Ryan Maeda (Honolulu Fire Department); Kauai G.O. Hilo (Board of Water Supply); Ian Santee (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's representative); Councilmember Kymberly Pine and Kavi Ala Pa (Office of Councilmember Kymberly Pine); Carol Hickey (25th Infantry Division); Representative Jo Jordan; Daniel Ulu (Representative Andria Tupola); Regina Keawe Paahana (Kealahou West Oahul Hope Shelter); Christine Huffman; Susan Austin; Dorothy J. Detomasi; Glenn Bailey; Polly "Granny" Grace; Arv Frank; Melody Rutherford; George Churchill; Jack De Feo; James Cowles; George Kalilikane (Bay of Dreams); Cathie Alana; Paul O. Paaina; David Brown; Hanale Hopfe; Johnnie-Mae Perry; Barbara Mihaeke; Jean Navarra; Brian Kalei; Alice Greenwood; Twinkle Borge; Tamra Fuiara; Lila Marcellino; Maelia Long; Sariah Castro; Lokenani Chung-Lono (WBH); Abbie A.H. Kaliko; Geoffrey Robinson; Cynthia K.L. Rezentes; John DeSoto; Steven Rivera; Arriella Benavides; Shirline Ho; Terri Torres; Tom McDonald (ASI); James Manaku Sr.; Robert Finley and Sylvia Young (Neighborhood Commission); Karen Young; Ryan Maeda; Sarai Gilman; Kaulana Paishon; Kevin Ke'o; Moki Nahoi (Zion Ipuka); Ruby Maunahea (WHCC); Kapua Keliikoa-Kamai (WVHCA); Victor Flint (NAVFAC); Karen Awana, Greg Gomes; Chris-Ann Ilano; Maelani Lee; and Jordan Ozaki (Neighborhood Commission Office).

Approximately 20 additional residents were also present but did not sign in.

**Pule:** Endo lead the pule.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS**

**Honolulu Police Department (HPD):** Lieutenant Randall Arakaki reported the following: Statistics for August/September 2015: There were 44/50 motor vehicle thefts, 41/61 burglaries, 189/163 thefts, 73/61 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles (UEMV), and 7,544/7,622 total calls for service.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. **Legislation:** Gates asked about legislation introduced by Councilmember Kymberly Pine to increase HPD presence on the Waianae Coast and to turn the Waianae Police Station into a district station. Lieutenant Arakaki was unable to comment at this time.
2. **Palm Trees:** Resident Glenn Bailey raised a concern about the upkeep of palm trees planted at the Waianae Police Station.
3. **Beaches and Parks:** Several residents raised concerns about homeless and illegal activity on the beaches. Lieutenant Arakaki noted that HPD conducts regular beach sweeps, and residents should call 9-1-1 to report illegal activity. Resident Johnnie-Mae Perry reported vending on the beaches.
4. **Pokai Beach Park:** Several raised concerns about HPD issuing tickets near the boat ramp at Pokai Beach Park. Lieutenant Arakaki noted that citations may have been issued following reports to HPD. A resident referenced a 1999 master plan for Pokai Bay that noted the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation (DOBOR) has jurisdiction over Pokai Bay. Lieutenant Arakaki noted that HPD enforces City and State laws. A resident requested HPD to stay for the discussion on Pokai Bay.
5. **Traffic:** A resident raised a concern about communication between residents, HPD, and emergency medical services about roadwork. Lieutenant Arakaki noted that construction permits must be obtained and special duty officers are hired for construction projects that affect traffic. Several residents suggested

that the resident contact the Department of Transportation (DOT).

6. Disability Parking Permit: A resident reported an abundance of vehicles using disability parking without disability parking permits. Lieutenant Arakaki noted he will address the concern with HPD.

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD): Captain Ryan Maeda reported the following:

- Statistics: There was 1 structure fire, 0 wildland fires, 1 nuisance fire, 1 cooking fire, 7 activated alarms with no fire, 202 medical emergencies, 6 motor vehicle crashes/collisions, 1 ocean rescue, and 1 hazardous materials incident.
- Safety Tip: Avoid trailing fabric, and provide adequate eye holes and non-flammable material for Halloween costumes. Parents should provide their children with a flashlight. Take extreme caution when using candles for jack-o-lanterns.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: Fire in Waianae Valley: Gates asked and Captain Maeda replied that the cause of the fire in Waianae Valley on Tuesday, September 24, 2015 is unknown at this time.

Board of Water Supply (BWS): Kauai G.O. Hilo reported the following:

- Main Breaks: There was one (1) main break on 85-1053 Kepaula Street on Friday, September 25, 2015.
- Watershed Management and Protection: Stay on hiking trails to prevent the destruction of native plants. Participate in projects that remove invasive plants. Conserve water every day, and all year to reduce the need to use ground water.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Flooding Infrastructure: Gates asked if there were projects to insure proper flooding infrastructure.
2. Iwi: Kila asked about the status of the Iwi.
3. Increase of Chlorine: Endo asked if there has been an increase of chlorine added to the water supply. Hilo noted he was unaware of any increase, that the water treatment is scheduled.
4. Red Hill Leak: Koike asked about the BWS response to the Navy regarding the Red Hill leak.
5. Withholding of Funds: A resident asked about the withholding of funds by the Department of Health (DOH) for pipe refurbishment.
6. Monitoring of Dump Sites: A resident asked about the monitoring of runoff from dump sites on the west side of Oahu.
7. Makaha Valley Ahupuaa: Jon Desoto from the Hawaiian Civic Club thanked BWS for monitoring the Makaha Valley ahupuaa.
8. Stream Flow Restoration: Koike asked about the restoration of Waianae Valley Stream flow.

U.S. Army 25th Infantry Division: Major Carol Hickey reported the following:

- Tropic Lightening Week: Tropic Lightening Week will be held Monday, October 5, 2015 through Thursday, October 8, 2015. The week is in celebration of the 25 Infantry Division 74th birthday, and in remembrance of the 50th anniversary of its initial deployment to Vietnam.
- Living History Day: There will be a Living History Day on Saturday, October 10, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Tropic Lightning Museum on Schofield Barracks. For additional information call 655-0438
- Veterans Day: The Waianae Military Civilian Advisory Council (WMCAC) will hold its 33rd annual Veterans Day Parade on Wednesday, November 7, 2015 at 9:00 a.m., beginning at the Waianae Boat Harbor and ending at the Waianae Mall.
- Vietnam Veterans: The State is collecting contact information for the estimated 36,000 Vietnam-era veterans living in Hawaii to ensure they are invited to upcoming events and receiving the honors to which they are entitled. For more information call 733-4236.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Army Downsizing: Koike asked and Major Hickey replied that the army is planning to reduce the number of soldiers at Schofield Barracks by about 1,200 over the next fiscal year.
2. Makua Valley: Koike asked and Major Hickey noted that she was not aware of plans to return Makua Valley to the State. Koike noted that the lease ends in 2029.
3. Youth Volleyball: A resident asked about practice locations for the free youth volleyball players and their active duty coaches.
4. Parking Restrictions: A resident raised concerns about parking problems on Labor Day at the Pililaau (PARC) facility, and asked for advanced notification of community parking restrictions.
5. Parade: Rocky Aiolo from the WMCAC announced that veterans interested in participating in the Veterans Day parade should call Colonel Arakaki at 255-8699.

6. Trash: A resident raised concerns about trash being left by the military in Kahuku between the boat harbor and high school.
7. Makua Valley Cleanup: A resident expressed concerns about the Makua Valley, and requested the military start with cleanup of the valley, as the lease will expire in 2029. Koike answered requested a status report of the injured.

Councilmember Kymberly Pine: Councilmember Kymberly Pine provided a handout and reported the following:

- Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU): Bill 20, which would allow ADUs on lots that meet zoning requirements, was adopted by the City Council and signed by Mayor Kirk Caldwell. Allowing ADUs will help with the shortage of affordable housing.
- Roads: Mayor Caldwell has designated Waianae as the next area for roads to be repaved. More information can be found in Councilmember Pine's newsletter
- Parks Projects: There are two comfort stations planned for Sea Country Maili Park and Maili Beach Park.

Julie Ann Cachola arrived at the meeting. **6 members were present.**

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Selection of Waianae for Modular Housing: Resident Johnnie-Mae Perry referenced the City's proposed sale of the Kalaheo parcel to developers and raised concerns about the selection and announcement of the Waianae location for homeless modular housing. Councilmember Pine noted that the Waianae Coast has the second highest homeless population on Oahu, and Waianae is receiving funding specifically for homeless issues. Councilmember Pine explained that she was adamant in noting that Waianae would not accept homeless individuals from other areas.
2. Agriculture Lands: Resident Nancy Calhoun asked and Councilmember Pine replied that agriculture land was not included in the ADU legislation. Councilmember Pine is putting together a petition for those interested in adding agricultural land to the ADU legislation.
3. Oahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP): Allen Frenzel requested project 50 and project 54 in the ORTP 2035 be moved to top priorities. Koike requested that Councilmember Pine follow up on the projects.
4. Speed Bumps: Resident Richard Landford raised a concern about the proposed removal of speed bumps in the Maili area.
5. Clarification: Councilmember Pine clarified for a resident that many people who are homeless in Waianae are from Waianae, and that the funding for homeless issues is from the City and County of Honolulu.
6. Funding: A resident asked and Councilmember Pine explained that the district received had previously received funding from the landfill compensation packages.

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative: Deputy Director of the Honolulu Emergency Services Department, Ian Santee, distributed the October 2015 City News, and noted that in the interest in time, and given the later presentation, he would not be fielding modular housing questions at this time.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: Seaback Initiative: Koike asked for a follow-up to the Seaback Initiative.

#### FILLING OF VACANCIES:

Filling of at-large vacancy: Gates nominated David Brown. Koike nominated Sharlette Poe and Allen Frenzel. Nahoopili nominated Johnnie Mae Perry. The candidates gave brief statements.

After the first round of roll call votes,

**Brown was NOT ELECTED, 4-1-1 (Aye: Kila, Nahoopii, Endo, Gates; Nay: Cachola; Abstain: Koike)**  
**Poe was NOT ELECTED, 3-0-3 (Aye: Nahoopii, Cachola, Koike; Nay: None; Abstain: Kila, Endo, and Gates)**  
**Frenzel was NOT ELECTED, 2-0-4 (Aye: Nahoopii, Koike; Nay: None; Abstain: Kila, Cachola, Endo, and Gates.)**  
**Perry was NOT ELECTED, 1-0-5 (Aye: Nahoopii; Nay: None; Abstain: Cachola, Kila, Koike, Endo, and Gates).**

Discussion Followed: Cachola spoke in favor of electing Sharlette Poe.

A second roll call vote was taken.

**Brown was NOT ELECTED, 3-1-2 (Aye: Kila, Endo, Gates; Nay: Cachola; Abstain: Nahoopii and Koike)**

**Poe was ELECTED**, 5-0-1 (**Aye:** Kila, Nahoopili, Cachola, Koike, Gates; **Nay:** None; **Abstain:** Endo)

**Vice Chair Napoopii called a recess at 8:37 p.m.** Neighborhood Assistant Ozaki administered the Oath of Office to Poe. **7 members were present.**

**The meeting was called back to order at 8:38 p.m.**

Election of Chair: Endo nominated Kila. Kila declined the nomination. Koike nominated Nahoopii. Nahoopii declined the nomination. Nahoopii nominated Poe. Poe declined the nomination. Endo nominated Gates. Gates accepted the nomination.

**Gates was ELECTED Chair by UNANIMOUS CONSENT**, 7-0-0 (**Aye:** Cachola, Endo, Gates, Koike, Kila, Nahoopii, Poe; **Nay:** None; **Abstain:** None)

**Vice Chair Nahoopii passed the gavel to Gates.**

#### BOARD BUSINESS

Approval of Tuesday, July 7, 2015 and August 4, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes: **The minutes were accepted as published by UNANIMOUS CONSENT**, 7-0-0 (**Aye:** Cachola, Endo, Gates, Koike, Kila, Nahoopii, Poe; **Nay:** None; **Abstain:** None)

Treasurer's Report: Endo reported that after expenditures of \$42.03 in August 2015, there is a remaining balance of \$300.49.

Without objections, Chair Gates moved the agenda to item 9.3 Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Waianae Modular Housing Project.

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Waianae Modular Housing Project: Gary Nakata, Director of the Department of Community Services (DCS), Sandy Pfund of the Office of Strategic Development (OSD), and Jun Yang, Executive Director of the Mayor's Office of Housing (MOH) gave an overview of the proposed modular housing project which included the following information There is a great need to provide to shelter to children who are without a home. There are 19 houses are currently being proposed, with the possibility of additional units. The City Council appropriated \$32 million for island-wide homeless initiatives. The City selected the parcel of land next to Waianae High School, adjacent to Maluhia Church. The proposed modular housing units will be able to be built quickly, with each unit containing two (2) bedrooms, a bathroom, a shower, and a small kitchen area for families. The perimeter of the property would be fenced with a control access gate, and a program manager. Community feedback is vital and encouraged. Talk-story sessions with groups may be arranged through email to [gnakata@honolulu.gov](mailto:gnakata@honolulu.gov).

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Location: Kila raised concerns about the location, planning, and lack of jobs in the area for those housed by the project, and suggested Kapolei as a better area for the project. Endo noted that many homeless people have come to Waianae from other areas. Endo further noted agreement with the project concept, but suggested it would be more successful in an alternative location. Kila noted agreement with the project concept but cited concerns about the transportation time from Waianae to jobs. Gates also commented on the location. Pfund noted that other sites are also being considered for affordable housing for families with children that are in close proximity to schools and public transit.
2. Programs: Poe asked about programs that would support residents to transition out of the modules.
3. Funding: Koike raised concerns about fund allocations to Waianae and referenced the Seaback Initiative. Poe raised concerns about the direction of funds to the homeless and away from those who are almost houseless. Pfund clarified that the funding source is Capital Improvement Project (CIP) funding, general obligation funds that can only be spent on infrastructure, development, and on the design of units.
4. Community Involvement: Cachola commented that there should have been a town hall meeting for this agenda item to allow for more attention to the issue. Gates commented that community members were disappointed with the lack of notice of the project.
5. Previous Questions: Gates noted that copies of questions about the project previously posed to City officials by Gates and other residents were available at the sign-in table.
6. Families: Gates noted that the project is for families, and asked for the increase of services at WorkLinks.
7. Alternative Locations: Several residents suggested other locations for the project. Kailua, Kalaeloa, the

- Waianae Boat Harbor, Mokuleia, and Kalaheo Hillside were suggested as alternative locations.
8. Transitional Housing: Tom McDonald from the Kahumana Community spoke about the need for more transitional housing. McDonald noted that the Kahumana Community provides transitional housing for about 120 families and there are 120 families on the waiting list. Most of the families are local, Hawaiian, and employed.
  9. Existing Programs and Existing Infrastructure: Jan Makepa suggested the City work with the State's social services to give homeless at the boat harbor access to running water and basic needs. Makepa suggested the City work with the existing programs to facilitate employment and increasing housing turnover. Katie Hopi suggested houses that are currently used as vacation rentals be transformed into transitional housing. Angela Hopi suggested existing infrastructure be strengthened. A. Hopi noted the proposed project is on property zoned for agricultural use.
  10. Schools: Kuulei Patterson raised concerns about the impact of the project on Waianae schools. Another resident noted more collaboration with the schools is needed.
  11. Employment Concerns: Candy Suiso and several residents raised concerns about finding jobs for homeless individuals.
  12. Size of Units and Property: Jack De Feo and Candy Suiso raised concerns about families fitting into the 480 square feet units and on the property. Alice Greenwood noted that as someone who lived without a roof, the project has merit because it provides a roof, and bathrooms.
  13. Free Services: Katie Hopi raised concerns about the free services attracting homeless from other areas of Oahu.
  14. Safety: Lisa Tavares raised concerns about safety and noted she had started a petition on change.org.
  15. Homeless Community: A resident spoke about past experiences being homeless in Waikiki and how she overcame homelessness through help from other residents. A resident commented on the homeless community taking care of each other and of the natural surroundings. The resident further noted that there are nearly 30 children in the Waianae homeless community and noted support for the project, but suggested a different location.
  16. Permanent Housing: Several residents raised concerns about the temporary aspect of the housing project, and noted the need for permanent low income housing.
  17. Housing Committee: A resident noted that this agenda item should have gone through the housing committee before coming before the Board.
  18. Town Hall: Chair Gates asked for a town hall meeting on homeless projects and housing committee. Koike noted that a Housing committee exists. Chair Gates appointed Julie Cachola as the housing committee Chair.

The following agenda items were deferred: 6.3 Committee Survey Report and Recommendations, 6.4 Confirmation of Board Committees and Membership, 6.5 Board Photograph for Website, 8.1 Boat Ramp at Pokai Beach Park, 8.2 PVT Landfill Expansion, 9.1 Waianae-Makaha Evening Closure Concerns, 9.2 Resolution to Support Efforts to Protect Mauna A Wakea, 10.1 Governor David Ige's Representative, 10.2 State Senator Maile Shimabukuro, 10.3 State Representative Andrea Tupola, 10. 4 State Representative Jo Jordan (Handout provided)

The meeting adjourned at 10:19 p.m.

Submitted by: Jordan Ozaki, Neighborhood Assistant  
Reviewed by: Rise Doi, Neighborhood Assistant II  
Reviewed and Finalized by: Cedric Gates, Chair

10/05/2015

**WAIANAE HOMELESS MODULAR HOUSING PROJECT:**

Aloha Waianae Coast Residents,

Below are the responses I received from the city in regards to the questions and concerns myself and fellow community members requested to be addressed relating to the city's proposal for housing Waianae Homeless Families.

As an elected community representative, I'm looking forward to working with our community and the city to put forth solutions for the issues we face on the Waianae Coast, such as housing our most vulnerable population, our KEIKIS and their OHANA.

I BELIEVE, All solutions start with you and me, we must come together as a community and organize. We need to truly start planning and making efforts to ensure the types of development, public infrastructure, services, and schools that are going to be built and operated in our community, are up to our standards and are the kinds of things we would to see in our community for future generations to come. The best thing is, we don't have to start from scratch, there is a plan called the Waianae's Sustainable Community Plan which was created by community leaders and community residents and was passed by City Council Members and signed by Mayor Carlisle on March 2nd 2012. I advise everyone to please check it out.

Here is the link to the PDF Version of Waianae's Sustainable Community Plan:

[https://www.honolulu.gov/.../ROHChapter24a9plan\\_waianae\\_p1-50...](https://www.honolulu.gov/.../ROHChapter24a9plan_waianae_p1-50...) Here is the link to the PDF Version of ORDINANCE 12-3/BILL 50 (2011):<http://www4.honolulu.gov/.../Get/Document-122744/ORD12-3.pdf>

With Aloha, Cedric Gates, Waianae Coast Neighborhood Board Member

\*\*\*\* EMAIL THREAD\*\*\*\*

ORIGINAL EMAIL: Gates, Cedric

Aloha Jesse,

I have been receiving a number of questions from the Waianae Community regarding this project after Friday's Press Conference. Many residents shared their frustration with the Mayor and City about the short notice given to Waianae residents about the press conference and the failure to engage community residents in the process of coming up with the proposal presented on Friday. Below are the top 11 questions I chose to forward over to you for some answers. Is it possible for you or someone from the city to provide our community with some answers?

**Key Questions and Concerns:**

1. What were the alternative property locations the city looked at on the Waianae Coast before choosing this site? (TMK ID)
2. "Have areas like Kahala, Niu Valley, Hawaii Kai, 'Aina Haina, Lanikai, Mililani, Aiea, and Kapolei been considered as areas to create homeless housing/shelters? Why or why not?" (Direct quote from community resident).
3. Where exactly is the funding to construct this project coming from?
4. What are the stipulations in regards to the monies allocated for this project?
5. How much is it estimated to cost to run this projected housing development annually?
6. Does the city have a plan to fund the entire life of this project and how long does the city estimate this project to last?
7. How does Mayor Kirk Caldwell plan to ensure this housing project will house only Waianae Coast Residents?
8. What are the rules and regulations regarding the tenants on the property? Will they be drug tested?

9. How much more homeless projects is in the city planning to construct along the Waianae Coast?

10. Who has the city reached out to about this project? i.e. Waianae High School, Kamaile Academy, service providers, etc.

11. Will someone from the city attend and present a detailed proposal at the Waianae Coast Neighborhood Board meeting on October 06, 2015, 7:00pm at Waianae District Park Multi-Purpose Room?

I also wanted to know if Mayor Caldwell is willing to hold a town hall meeting addressing our homeless challenges on the coast and his plans to solve it.

I know this a mouthful but there are a multitude of questions to this project where that came from. I feel these questions are the very basic, need-to-knows for the community to be able to get behind and support this project. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at the information provided below. Look forward to your response.

With Aloha, Cedric

Cedric Asuega Gates Board Member Waianae Coast Neighborhood Board Phone:(808) 457-6385 Address: PO Box 1162 Waianae, HI 96792 " Success is liking yourself, liking what you do, and liking how you do it." -Maya Angelou

**RESPONSE: Broder Van Dyke, Jesse/Mayor Caldwell Communication Director**

Hi Cedric,

Thanks for the opportunity to clarify some of this. For the record, it's not a "shelter" but rather modular housing. The funding is coming from \$32M that the city council provided to create housing in the Fiscal Year 2015 budget. We have also announced housing projects in town such as Hale Mauiola on Sand Island and will have many more announcements about housing locations in town in the next couple months.

I pushed to do a press conference in Waianae because I want the community there to know we are focused on their housing needs, not just needs in town.

Regarding question #7, the fair housing act prohibits limiting housing to people based on geography. Under the law, that's discrimination. But I can tell you that the reason the city is putting housing in Waianae is to specifically address the need for housing among leeward coast residents, while doing the same thing in town for needy town residents. The intent is to house people in the communities they want to live in.

More info from the press release: Preliminary projections for the site are to accommodate between 75 and 90 people in 16 to 20 modular units by the summer of 2016. The estimated cost for the land and 20 modular units, including a program office, is \$2.3 million. While Hale Mauiola at Sand Island will serve as low barrier transitional housing for individuals and couples experiencing homelessness, the Farrington Highway project would cater to families with children.

Yes, Sandy Pfund will be at the neighborhood board meeting to discuss the project. While I understand your frustration about the short notice, unfortunately that's the only option I have. As soon as we started making calls about it on Thursday, someone called the Star Advertiser who immediately started questioning me about it. There's just no way to inform the community without the press getting informed, so we have to do both at the same time. We intended the press conference to be the start of the community discussion about the project. I'm pretty sure the Managing Director spoke to Waianae High School about it. Sandy can fill you in on some of the other calls that were made.

Best, Jesse

**RESPONSE: Pfund, Sandra/Office of Strategic Development Officer**

Aloha Cedric,

We are still putting together specific answers to the 11 questions below. Sorry for the delay but we want to provide you with detailed thoughtful answers. Director Gary Nakata from the Dept of Community Services will be joining me at the NB meeting on Oct 6. Gary is the social services side of the project and I'm the building side and together we hope to present a good understanding of what we feel will be a positive community benefit.

Thank you for your support and for coming out to the press conference.

Best,  
Sandy

***RESPONSE: Nakata, Gary/ Director Designate, Department of Community Services***

Dear Cedric,

I want to assure you that we are working on the details for a program at the project that the community can embrace. I also wanted you to know that we are in the community input stage of program creation, obtaining feedback with respect to a number of factors that go into developing a program, including: who might be housed at the project, what their needs are, how to fill such needs, and what are the community's need and concerns? Only after we vet these questions with a number of interested parties (including the neighborhood board), then can we piece together a plan/proposal that has the best chance to be embraced by the community. Because of this, I don't currently have a detailed plan to propose, and won't have a detailed plan until we're through listening to all parties of interest. My kupuna and mentors have always told me – listen much first, then act.

On October 6, I plan to show up to the meeting to listen to varied opinions about the community's needs, desires, hurts and concerns. I've already learned much by visiting the Waianae Boat Harbor as well as perusing all the social media comments have popped up recently.

As far as a detailed plan, my commitment to you is to return at another time to brief the Board. But more than briefing the Board at another monthly meeting, why not work together in between? Would you all be willing to create an ad hoc committee to work with me in between Board meetings? I'm not sure if this is even possible, and you may need to check with the Neighborhood Board Commission. Please let me know if this is something the Board would like to pursue.

Should you have any direct questions for me, please feel free to call me at 768-7760.

Aloha, Gary